



Section 4: Concerning Salvation/Sanctification

Question 10: What is sanctification?

Answer 10: Sanctification is the work of God the Holy Spirit, in the believer, to set him apart as a holy possession unto the Lord, and empower him to become a holy vessel to be used by the Lord.

Memory Verse: **Hebrews 2:11**

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

Support Verses: **1Corinthians 6:11**

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Jude 1:1

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

Psalms 119:11

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

John 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Ephesians 5:26-27

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Discussion Points:

1. Define Sanctify:

- Webster defines "sanctify" as, "In a general sense, to cleanse, purify or make holy. To separate, set apart or appoint to a holy, sacred or religious use. To purify; to prepare for divine service, and for partaking of holy things."
- The Greek word is "hagios" which is to "purify by means of expiation" and also "to render to be morally clean."



- That is a beautiful definition when you understand how expiation works.
- Consider: "To expiate guilt or a crime, is to perform some act which is supposed to purify the person guilty; or some act which is accepted by the offended party as satisfaction for the injury"
- So those who have been declared just according to their faith in the finished work of The Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, have also been set apart unto God as a purified possession according to the expiatory merits of the work of redemption through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- You are His, and you have been made worthy to be His!

2. Applying Sanctification:

- Understanding the word sanctify to mean to "purify by means of expiation" we draw the following conclusions:
- Whether we are talking about the initial work of sanctification or the continual, progressive process wherewithal God effects a change toward Christlikeness, it is still a purification by means of expiation.
- It was not merely the perfect death of Christ that we receive by faith vicariously, but also his perfect life that was lived to fulfill all righteousness. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- And as we yield to that righteousness that new life is affected in us.
- As we depart from iniquity we become a vessel of honor "meet for the master's use." (2 Timothy 2:19-21)

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "My Hope Is In The Lord" (Hymn #344 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Wonderful Peace" (Hymn #531 - Rejoice Hymns)